



# Canton Parks Master Plan

## City-Wide Meeting

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NOVEMBER 5, 2014



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## Meeting Goals and Agenda

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### Agenda:

- **Introduction** — Derek Gordon, Park Director, Canton Park Commission
- **Project Overview**
  - What we're doing – Project Description
  - When we're doing it – Project Schedule
- **Break-Out Discussions**
  - Hear from citizens about your Parks



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## Overview

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### Project Description

- The **City of Canton Park Commission** is developing a **2014 Master Plan** which will outline the future of Canton's parks and **define objectives to improve and sustain the parks for future needs**
  - Alongside a separate Comprehensive Plan underway for the City of Canton
  - Environmental Design Group will collaborate with the consulting team to integrate information from both separate plans
  - **GOAL:** Provide Comprehensive Roadmap for the future of Canton Parks
    - **Parks Inventory & Existing Condition Review**
    - **Parks Level of Service Analysis**
    - **Recommendation of Citywide Park Needs**
    - **Identify & Rank Priority Parks for Individual Master Plans (fall 2015)**



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## Project Schedule

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### Current

- ✓ City-Wide Meeting
- Existing Conditions Data Gathering and Analysis
- Northwest Meeting – Thursday November 6th

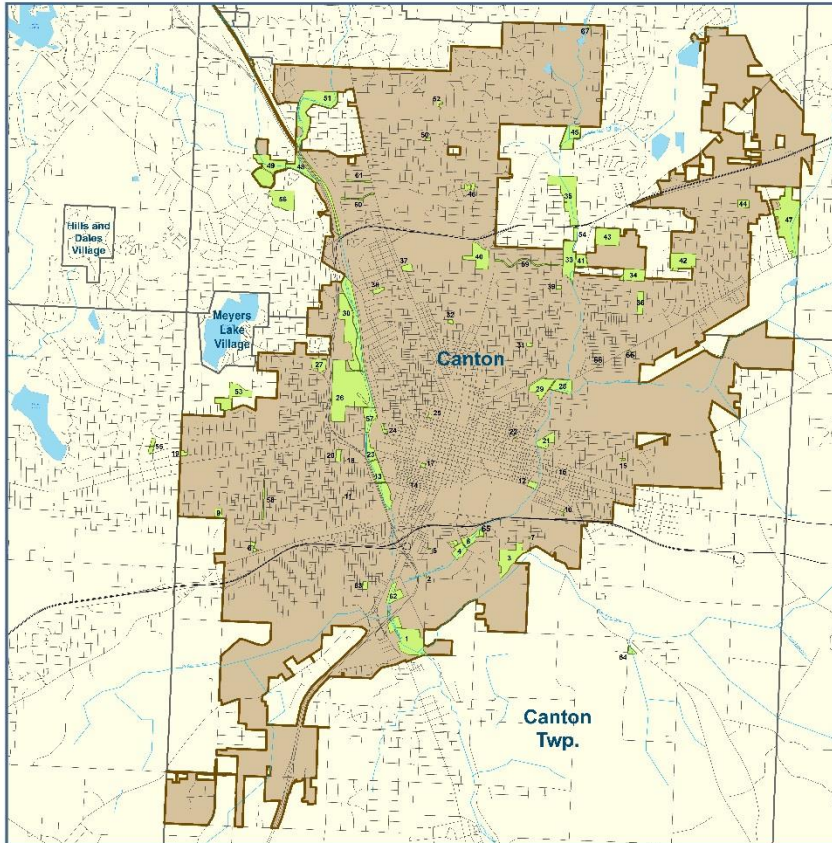
### Next Steps

- Analyze information from Existing Conditions Data Gathering
- Collaborate with comprehensive plan team for Level of Service (LOS) analysis of parks
- Determine deficiencies and/or oversupply of parks
- Quadrant Meetings:
  - Southwest Meeting – Thursday November 13
  - Southeast Meeting – Tuesday November 18
  - Northeast Meeting – Wednesday November 19
- Final Public Meeting – report findings, recommendations and next steps



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## Existing Conditions



### City of Canton

- **67 Parks** in inventory
- **862 acres** of park land
  - 4 Boulevards
  - 17 Mini Parks
  - 13 Neighborhood Parks
  - 16 Community Parks



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## Park Amenities

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### Overview of existing parks – 67 parks in total

- **12 parks** are linked to an external trail
- **41 playground** facilities are distributed among 35 Parks
- **28 basketball courts** are distributed among 19 Parks
- **37 baseball fields** total in 19 parks
- **17 parks** contain public restrooms
- **31 shelters** total in 18 parks
- Usage
  - **20 parks** are considered to have **HIGH** usage
  - **20 parks** are considered to have **MODERATE** usage
  - **21 parks** are considered to have **LITTLE to NO** usage
  - 6 parks do not have usage data

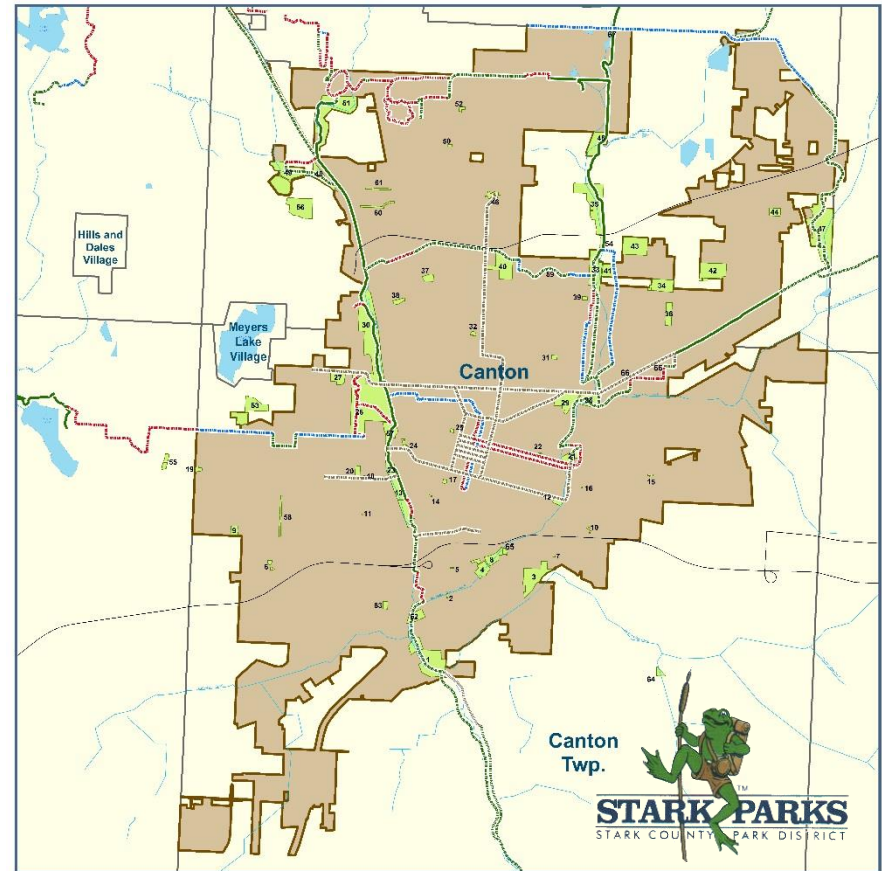
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## Trail Analysis

### Proposed Trail Analysis

- Currently **12 parks** are connected to an existing external trail
- **13 parks** of Canton's 67 parks could be connected to the proposed trails found in the **Stark County Trail & Greenway Master Plan**

- Bike Lane (Proposed)
- Off Road Trail (Proposed)
- On Road Trail (Proposed)
- Widened Sidewalk (Proposed)





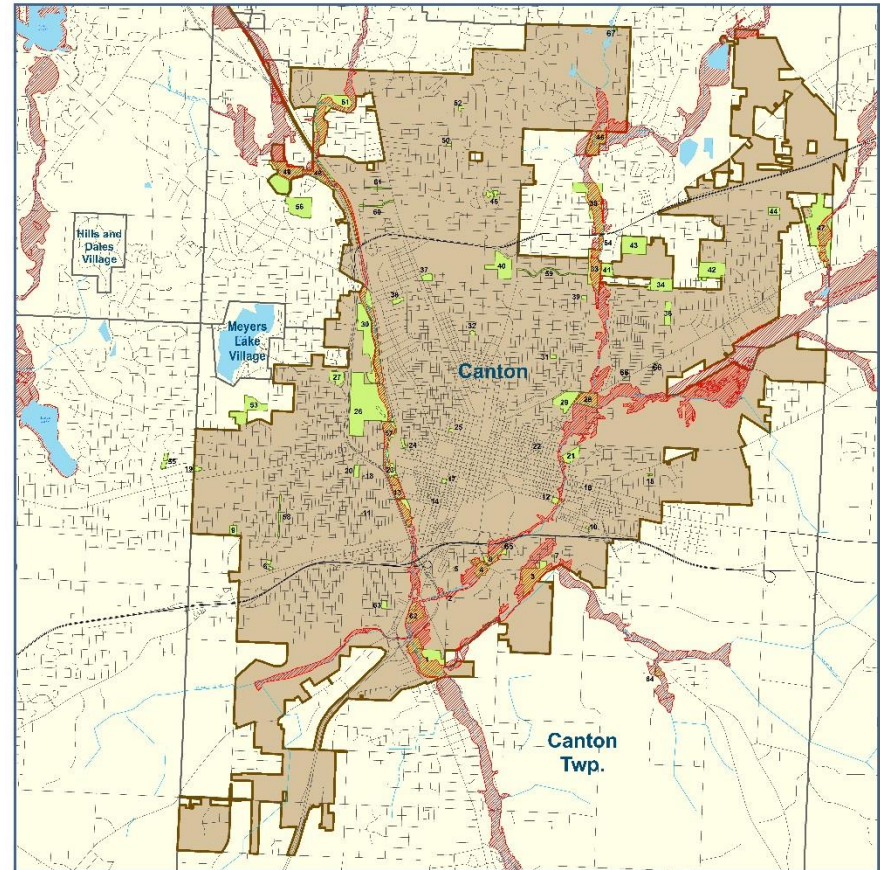
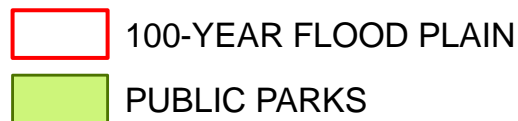
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## Flood Plain Analysis

### Flood Plain Analysis

- **24 parks** fall within a flood plain boundary
- **345 acres (40%)** of the 862 acres of park land

This provides opportunities for  
**Stormwater Management and  
implementation of Green  
Infrastructure.**







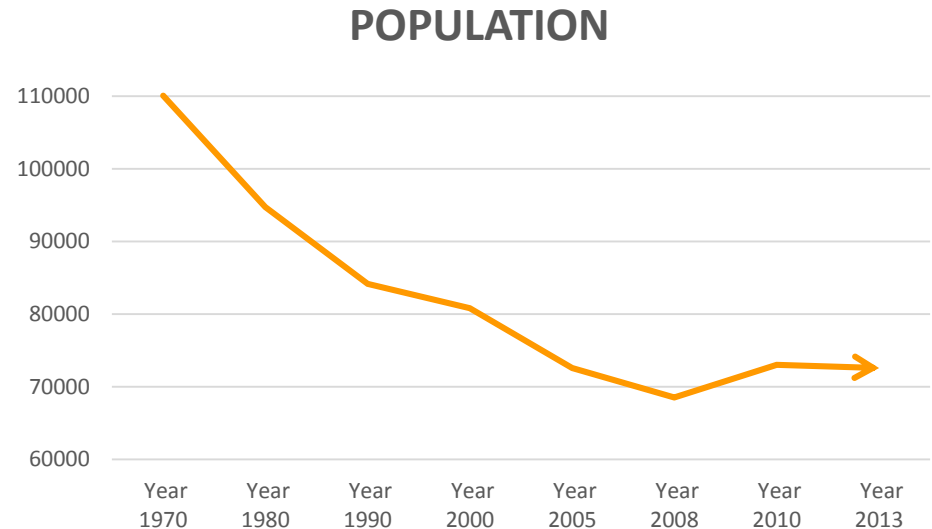
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## Population

### City of Canton

- Population

- 1970 – 110,053
- 1980 – 94,730
- 1990 – 84,161
- 2000 – 80,806
- 2005 – 72,584
- 2008 – 68,507
- 2010 – 73,007
- 2013 – 72,551



Source: American Community Survey (ACS) 2000, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2013. US Census Bureau



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## NRPA Recommendations

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The **National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA)** is an organization dedicated to the advancement of public parks and recreational opportunity. NRPA strives to develop and implement best practices and resources that will aid in the growth of American parks.

### NRPA Park Standards:

- General NRPA Recommendation is a minimum of **10 acres of park space per 1,000 people**
- Current Population of Canton **72,551** (2013)
- **67 parks – 862 Acres**
- NRPA standard for Canton Population = **725.5 acres**
- Canton has an **excess 136.5 acres** of parks for its current population



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## Surrounding Cities



### Kettering, Ohio

Population = 56,163

Park Acreage = 284.6

NRPA Recommended Park Acreage = 561.63



### Troy, Michigan

Population = 80,980

Existing Park Acreage = 360

NRPA Park Acreage = 809.9



### Canton, Ohio

Population = 72,551

Park Acreage = 862

NRPA Recommended Park Acreage = 725.5

Source: City of Kettering Comprehensive Plan, Troy Master Plan



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## Next Steps

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### Next Steps for Us.

- Analyze information from Existing Conditions Data Gathering
- Collaborate with the consulting team for Level of Service (LOS) analysis of parks
- Determine deficiencies and/or oversupply of parks

### Next Steps for You.

#### Northwest Quadrant Meeting

Canton Garden Center  
1615 Stadium Park Dr. NW  
Thursday, November 6 @ 6:00 PM

#### Southeast Quadrant Meeting

Edward "Peel" Coleman Community Center  
1400 Sherrick Rd. SE  
Thursday, November 18 @ 6:00 PM

#### Southwest Quadrant Meeting

J. Babe Stearn Community Center  
2628 13<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Thursday, November 13 @ 6:00 PM

#### Northeast Quadrant Meeting

Belle Stone Elementary School  
2100 Rowland Ave. NE  
Wednesday, November 19 @ 6:00 PM



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## Breakout Discussion

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### Breakout Discussion:

**Table 1: Trails** (walking, jogging, hiking, etc.)

**Table 2: Active Recreation** (Baseball, Basketball, etc.)

**Table 3: Nature Observation** (bird watching, photography, etc.)

**Please take a few minutes to complete the  
Canton Parks Master Plan Survey!**

Surveys can be found up front on the table

Or Online:

<http://envdesigngroup.poll daddy.com/s/canton-parks-survey>